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November 8, 1984

Ms. Joan Patota
Vice President for
Public Affairs
Rhode Island School of
Design
Two College Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Patota:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for bringing the Museum's current NEH application to my attention. I am delighted to know about the plans for the Victorian book exhibition.

I have taken the liberty of writing to Chairman Bennett at the Humanities Endowment and am enclosing a copy of my letter to him for your own records. As soon as I hear anything further from him, I will be back in touch.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Clatborne Pell

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October 23, 1984

The Honorable William J. Bennett
Chairman
National Endowment for the Humanities
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has recently come to my attention that the Rhode Island Historical Society has an application currently pending for a Challenge Grant in the amount of \$250,000.

I realize that a final decision on this proposal will be reached at the upcoming meeting of the National Council on the Humanities. Before any action is taken, however, I wanted to inform you of my very keen support for this important request.

A Challenge Grant from the Endowment will be the cornerstone of a major fund raising campaign which will secure a \$1 million special endowment for the Society over the next three years. This fund will be used primarily for the operation of the historic John Brown House, one of the great museum houses in the United States and which serves as the Society's headquarters.

With this stable financial future, the Society will be able to concentrate its other resources on the superb programs for which it has become well known.

It is my sincere hope that the National Endowment for the Humanities will ultimately act favorably on this tremendously worthy request for a Challenge Grant.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

AC/ap

Claiborne Pell